

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant affirms the provisional election, with traverse, of Group I, claims 1 and 2. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are withdrawn from examination.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §101. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the subject matter recited in claims 1 and 2 is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the subject matter recited therein is directed to a method for speech recognition with a step of applying calculated output probability to speech recognition. Thus, with a recited practical application, claim 1 is directed to a process, which is a statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101.

For at least the above reason, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 2 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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